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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. On 12 April 1953, the SS Kaserne Wilder Mann in Dresden was occupied by about 500 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank and artillery insignia. Twelve tanks T-34/85 including

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entered the installation. Motor vehicles were seen in traffic.

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2. On 14 April, the troops stationed in the Flak Kaserne, Wurzen, were loaded for shipment toward Dresden. The unit was loaded onto at least 3 trains and included about 1,700 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets and including some with artillery insignia, 110 trucks, 33 mortars, 1 rocket launcher, 2 field kitchens, ammunition and billeting equipment.

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Only a sentry with red-bordered black epaulets remained in the installation. On 14 April, the Panzerwerk was guarded by sentries who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia.

There was intensive vehicular traffic from Wurzen toward Dresden between 13 and 25 April.²

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3. On 26 April, the Reil Kaserne, Halle, was vacant. The installation was guarded by civilians. Between 20 and 26 April, 22 SP guns were loaded at the Halle freight station.³

4. From 18 to 20 April, 89 trucks, 4 radio trucks, 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and 29 T-34/85 tanks were loaded at the Zeitz railroad station. The materiel and troops came from the Artillerie Kaserne and Infanterie Kaserne.⁴

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5. On 20 April, 200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, ammunition and billeting equipment were loaded onto 26 boxcars, and 18 trucks, 2 x 100-mm AT guns and 2 howitzers onto 30 flatcars with sideracks, at the Gera railroad station. Motor vehicles [redacted] were seen in traffic from and to the Panzer Kaserne in Tinz and to the Reuss Kaserne.⁵ 25X1
6. At about 4:30 p.m. on 23 April, 8 heavy AA guns, 4 light AA guns, about 20 trucks [redacted] were loaded onto an undetermined number of flatcars, and troops onto 14 boxcars, at the Ohrdruf railroad station.⁶ 25X1
On 23 April, [redacted] the camps along the road to Crawinkel were occupied by troops and [redacted] a tent camp had been erected behind Altes Lager. SP guns and T-34/85 tanks were [redacted] on the tank parking lot.⁴
7. At about 4 p.m. on 16 April, 9 T-34/85 tanks, 4 armored scoutcars, 8 trucks [redacted] and troops on 4 boxcars were loaded in Rossau. 25X1
[redacted] the troops to have come from the Cantonment at Grosskuehnau. 25X1
The train had six other boxcars. On 16 April, the cantonment at Grosskuehnau was vacant except for a room housing the guard detail. Most of the quarters, windows and doors had been boarded up.⁷
1. [redacted] Comment. The Wilder Mann SS Kaserne is carried as quartering a motorcycle battalion. It could not be determined whether the information refers to that of the First Gds Mecz Army or 11th Gds Tank Div 25X1
[redacted]
2. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] The present report confirms the 265th Gds Mort Regt of the 8th Gds Mecz Div by the loading at the military post on 14 April 1953. The transfer to Koenigsstruck of the 8th Gds Mecz Div has repeatedly been confirmed. No other signs indicating the complete vacating of the Flak Kaserne are available.
3. [redacted] Comment. The loading of the majority of the 21st Gds Mecz Div for shipment to Lossa was confirmed [redacted] 25X1
4. [redacted] Comment. Together with previous tank shipments, a total of 72 tanks was loaded in Zeitz between 17 and 20 April. [redacted] paragraph 7 is considered a first confirmation that the units of the 20th Gds Mecz Div dispatched from Weimar, Jena and Zeitz arrived at the summer camp in Crawinkel.
5. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] indications for a transfer from 15 to 18 April. The 308th Arty Brig [redacted] of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps was at Ohrdruf in 1952.

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7. Comment. The transfer of the 4th Gds Rcn Bn of the 7th Gds Tank
Div from **the cantonment** at Grosskuehnau to Ietzing Heath together with the
majority of the division has been confirmed several times.

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